

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the idea of building reliable long distance roads was started for bicycles in the 1890's; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government did not build highways, many private associations were formed to build them, and the Good Roads Movement was established; and

WHEREAS, The Bankhead Highway, built from Washington D.C. to San Diego, California starting in 1916, was one of the first transcontinental roads in America that could be relied upon year-round; and

WHEREAS, Texas Highway Department was established in 1917 to oversee the building of Texas Highway #1 From Texarkana passing through Arlington ending in El Paso; and

WHEREAS, State Highway #1, designated as the Bankhead Highway in 1917, provided a roadway for local and regional traffic, as well as for military use; and

WHEREAS, America's entry into the Great War of 1917 heightened awareness for a military and economic importance of better roads; and as a result, the 1920 roared with the sounds of road construction; and

WHEREAS, the Bankhead highway name lives on in public memory, as do the miles of the Bankhead Highway which celebrates its 100th anniversary during 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as

BANKHEAD HIGHWAY MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 11th day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.



MAYOR

